

HOUSE BILL 1154

By Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 9 and Title 67, relative to limitations on
appropriations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is created an appropriation limitation task force, herein after referred to as the "task force", to be composed of five (5) members as follows:

- (1) The comptroller of the treasury;
- (2) The state treasurer;
- (3) The commissioner of finance and administration;
- (4) The chair of the finance, ways and means committee of the senate or the chair's designee; and

(5) The chair of the finance, ways and means committee of the house of representatives or the chair's designee.

(b) The task force shall:

(1) Study the current constitutional state spending limitation commonly known as the "Copeland Cap" provided for in article II, § 24 of the Constitution of Tennessee;

(2) Study the current statutory method of estimating the rate of growth of the state's economy pursuant to title 9, chapter 4, part 52;

(3) Identify alternative methods of estimating the rate of growth of the state's economy;

(4) Analyze factors and trends that have required appropriations to exceed the growth of the state's economy in past fiscal years;

(5) Identify best practices to limit state spending as adopted through statutory or constitutional provisions in other states; and

(6) Recommend statutory revisions, constitutional revisions or a combination of statutory and constitutional revisions to enhance Tennessee's current spending limitation to ensure balanced spending and growth.

(c) The speakers shall jointly designate a chair from the membership of the task force. The chair shall convene an initial meeting of the task force prior to August 1, 2013.

(d) All appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the task force upon request of the task force.

(e) The task force shall complete its duties and make its final report, including its findings and recommendations, to the governor and to the speakers of senate and house of representatives by February 1, 2014, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.